E-EXCUSE ME!
PLEASE LET ME HIDE IN HERE FOR JUST A LITTLE BIT?!
YOU REALLY SHOULDN'T BE EATING SOMETHING LIKE MEEE!!
Hm?
Excuse me...

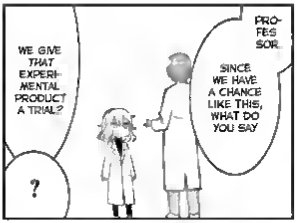
WHOA!
ASSISTANT
PROFESSOR,
UM
ARE YOU PLAYING WITH SOMETHING AGAIN?
WHAT IS IT? CRAWLING UP ON SOMEONE LIKE THAT...
SFX: smack
YOU KNOW HOW THEY SAY HUMANS LET OUT AN INSECT'S BREATH WHEN THEY ARE ABOUT TO DIE?
HUH?
YEAH.
*虫の息 dying breath lit. insects breath
THEN
WHAT KIND OF A BREATH DO YOU THINK AN INSECT LETS OUT?
IT SEEMED ALIVE JUST NOW, THOUGH...
OH...? IT'S NOT MOVING?

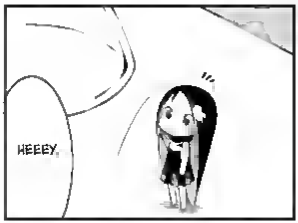
H-HUH?
Not the smack.
Not the smack!
HMM...
I THOUGHT I WAS GOING TO GET SMACKED BUT
?
I DON'T FEEL ANY...
THIS SPECIES DOESN'T NORMALLY LIVE IN HOKKAIDO THOUGH.
A JAPANESE COCKROACH, MAYBE?
...PAIN?
?
I'M WEARING GLOVES, AREN'T I?
It's filthy!
H-
HOW CAN YOU TOUCH SOMETHING LIKE THAT!?
GET THAT THING AWAY FROM ME!!
BLGH!?
HM, LOOKS LIKE IT LIVED...
LOO-OOK!

sfx: smack

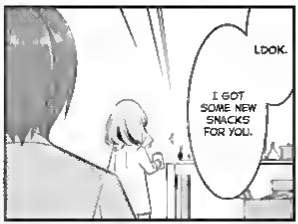
HEY PROFESSOR...
I REALLY DON'T THINK YOU SHOULD FEED THAT THING...
THIS SEEMS TO BE THE PROFESSOR'S RESEARCH LABORATORY
FROM WHAT I CAN GATHER
Wait.
I GET IT
COULD IT BE
THE NEW TYPE OF PESTICIDE SHE WAS COMMISSIONED TO DEVELOP...?
PROFESSOR MUST BE USING THAT THING AS A TEST SUBJE
New heart-type bug killer
APPARENTLY, SHE IS REALLY, REALLY SMART.
What are these...
LOOKS LIKE THE PROFESSOR CREATES ALL SORTS OF THINGS IN HERE.
!?
munch
munch
SFX: GWEEEEEH!!
SHE REALLY WAS JUST FEEDING IT?!
?
WANT SOME?
HE STILL HAD ONE
EEEEK! THERE'S ANTS!!
RELAX, THOSE ARE ERASER SHAVINGS.
AND
APPARENTLY, THE ASSISTANT IS REALLY REALLY BAD WITH BUGS

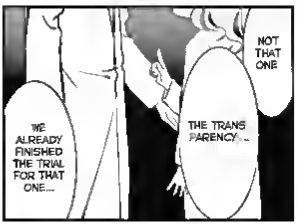
NOW THAT YOU MENTION, WE STILL HAVEN'T TRIED THIS ONE OUT.
Insect-fizzle.
AAH.
THIS ONE HUH...


WE GIVE THAT EXPERIMENTAL PRODUCT A TRIAL?
?
PROFESSOR.
SINCE WE HAVE A CHANCE LIKE THIS, WHAT DO YOU SAY

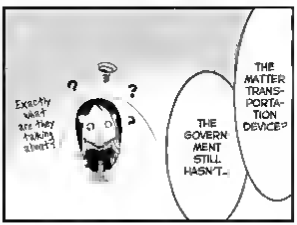

HEEEY.

THE HAIR TONIC THAT MAKES HAIR GROW ON ABSOLUTELY ANYTHING?
NOT THAT ONE
EXPERIMENTAL PRODUCT?
THE DRUG THAT BLOWS AWAY YOUR DROWSINESS FOR TEN STRAIGHT DAYS?

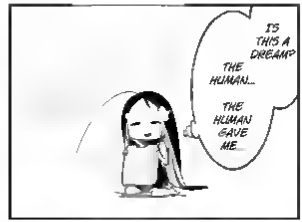

LOOK.
I GOT SOME NEW SNACKS FOR YOU.

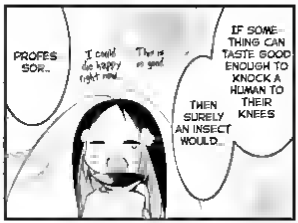

WE ALREADY FINISHED THE TRIAL FOR THAT ONE...
THE TRANSPARENCY...
NOT THAT ONE

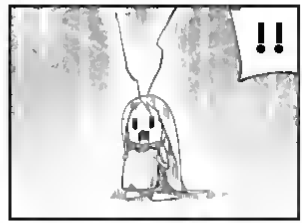
SHE DIDN'T EVEN HESITATE FOR A SECOND...
EVEN THOUGH SHE WAS FEEDING IT BY HAND JUST NOW...
Open wide...


Exactly what are they talking about?
? ? ?
THE GOVERNMENT STILL HASN'T...
THE MATTER TRANSPORTATION DEVICE?

I GOT THE IDEA FROM THE PHRASE "GOOD ENOUGH TO DIE FOR"


IS THIS A DREAM?
THE HUMAN...
THE HUMAN SAVE ME...


PROFESSOR...
I could die happy right now...
That is so good
IF SOMETHING CAN TASTE GOOD ENOUGH TO KNOCK A HUMAN TO THEIR KNEES
THEN SURELY AN INSECT WOULD...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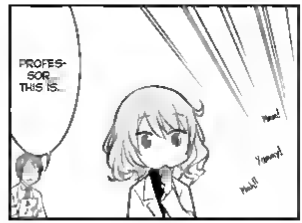
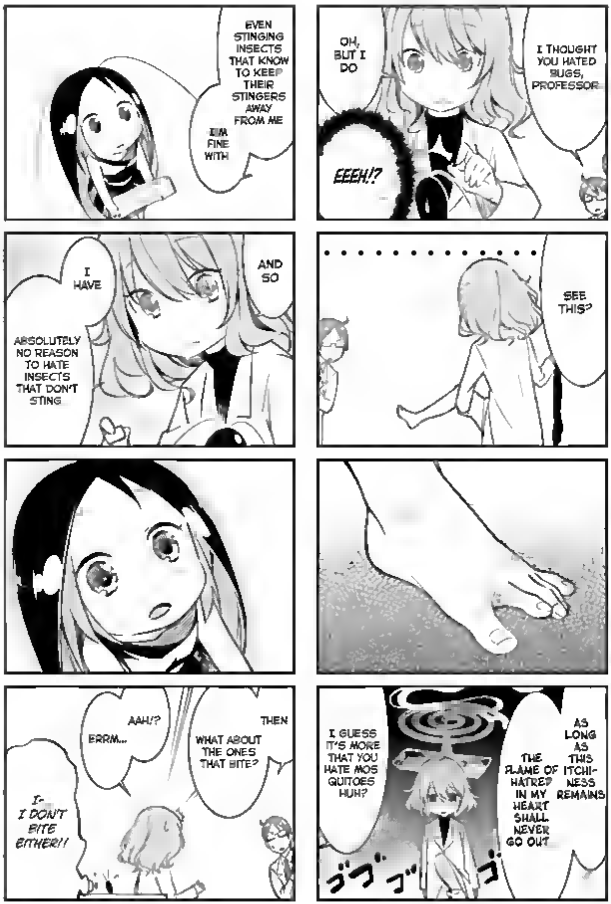
WHAT'S THE PUNCH-LINE?

I- IT'S SO DELICIOUS!! THE MORE I EAT THE MORE ADDICTING IT GETS!!
WH- WHAT IS THIS!?

SHE WAS SERI-OUS!?
...?
?
?


PROFES-SOR... THIS IS...
Nom!
Yummy!
Nom!


EVEN STINGING INSECTS THAT KNOW TO KEEP THEIR STINGERS AWAY FROM ME
I'M FINE WITH
I THOUGHT YOU HATED BUGS, PROFESSOR
OH, BUT I DO
EEEH!?
I HAVE
AND SO
ABSOLUTELY NO REASON TO HATE INSECTS THAT DON'T STING
SEE THIS?
AAH!?
ERRM...
THEN
WHAT ABOUT THE ONES THAT BITE?
I- I DON'T BITE EITHER!!
I GUESS IT'S MORE THAT YOU HATE MOSQUITOES HUH?
AS LONG AS THIS THE FLAME OF ITCHI-HATRED IN MY HEART SHALL NEVER GO OUT
NESS REMAINS
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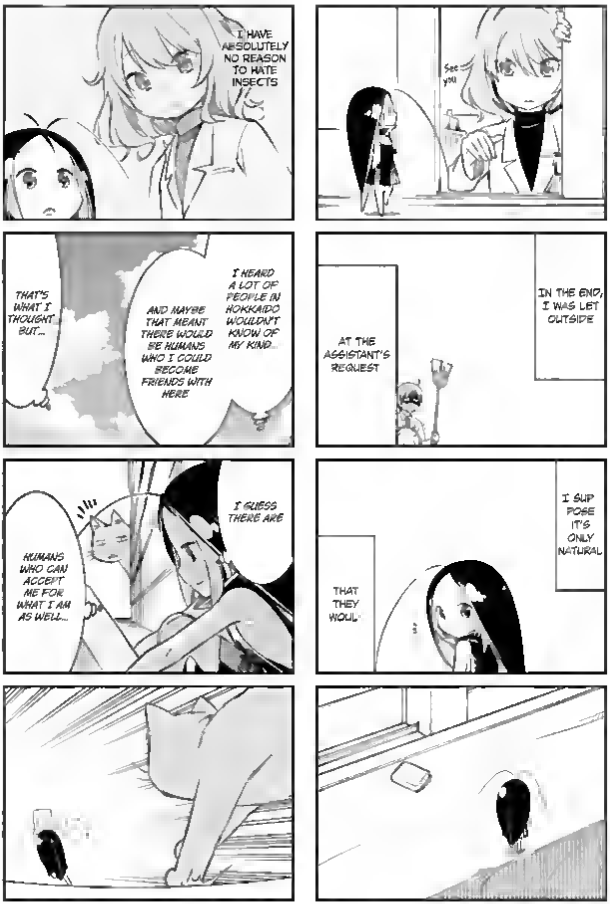
I HAVE ABSOLUTELY NO REASON TO HATE INSECTS
See you
I HEARD A LOT OF PEOPLE IN HOKKAIDO WOULDN'T KNOW OF MY KIND...
AND MAYBE THAT MEANT THERE WOULD BE HUMANS WHO I COULD BECOME FRIENDS WITH HERE
THAT'S WHAT I THOUGHT BUT...
IN THE END, I WAS LET OUTSIDE
AT THE ASSISTANT'S REQUEST
I GUESS THERE ARE
HUMANS WHO CAN ACCEPT ME FOR WHAT I AM AS WELL...
I SUPPOSE IT'S ONLY NATURAL
THAT THEY WOULD